GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Cloud Seeding operations during the year 2007 to 2010 – Budget Release Order for an amount of Rs.49,14,27,000/- towards payment of A.P. State Government's share along with interest in connection with the Cloud Seeding Operations undertaken during the years from 2007 - 2010 in the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh during the Current Financial Year 2020-21 - Administration sanction – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 139 Dated: 18-03-2021.

Read the following :-

1. G.O.Ms.No.8, RSAD (RS.II) Dept., dt:04.05.2007.
2. G.o.Ms.No.181, G.A. (AR&T) Dept., dt:01.12.2017.
3. Orders in W.P. No.1135 of 2016, dated:21.04.2020, filed by M/s. Agni Aviation Consultants, Bangalore.
4. From the Dy. Registrar, Hon'ble High Court, Hyderabad orders dt:26.02.2021 in C.C. No.823/2020 in W.P. No.1135/2016, filed by M/s. Agni Aviation Consultants,, Bangalore.
5. G.O.Rt.No.458, Finance (FMU-A&C,AHDD&F,CS)Department, dt.13.03.2021.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, orders were issued to merge the Rain Shadow Area Development Department along with staff and subjects into the Agriculture and Cooperation Department.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Hon'ble High Court, State of Telangana, Hyderabad in its orders dated:21.04.2020 has directed the Government of Telangana and Government of Andhra Pradesh to pay the arrears of dues under the Cloud Seeding contracts dated.04.07.2007, dated.25.07.2008 and dated.20.07.2009 in three (3) months, amounting to Rs.40,28,47,380/- with interest thereon from the respective due dates of payment till the date of actual payment at the rate of 9% per annum; and both the liability towards costs and the arrears mentioned supra are apportioned between the respondent Nos.1 and 2 in the ratio 41.68 : 58.32 respectively.

3. In the reference 4th read above, M/s Agni Aviation Consultants, Bangalore has filed Contempt Case and the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana, Hyderabad in its order dated:26.02.2021 in C.C. No.823/2020 has directed Respondents 1 & 2 (i.e. State of Telangana and State of Andhra Pradesh) to appear in a person before the Hon'ble High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad on 09.04.2021 for not implementing the orders of Hon'ble High Court.

4. In the G.O. 5th read above, the Finance Department have issued a BRO for an amount of Rs.49,14,27,000/- (Rupees Forty nine crores fourteen lakhs and twenty seven thousands only) as additional funds in relaxation of treasury control orders pending provision of funds by obtaining supplementary grants at an appropriate time towards payment

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of A.P. State Government's share along with interest in connection with the Cloud Seeding Operations undertaken during the years from 2007 to 2010 in the united Andhra Pradesh during the Current Financial Year 2020-21.

5. In pursuance of the BRO issued by the Finance Department in the reference 5th read above, Government hereby accord administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.49,14,27,000/- (Rupees Forty nine crores fourteen lakhs and twenty seven thousands only) as additional funds in relaxation of treasury control orders pending provision of funds by obtaining supplementary grants at an appropriate time towards payment of A.P. State Government's share along with interest in connection with the Cloud Seeding Operations undertaken during the years from 2007 to 2010 in the united Andhra Pradesh during the Current Financial Year 2020-21.

6. The amount sanctioned in para (5) above shall be debited to the Head of Accounts, as indicated in the BRO issued, vide G.O. 5th read above.

7. The Assistant Secretary to Government and Drawing and Disbursing Officer, Agriculture & Cooperation Department is requested to draw the amount sanctioned at para 5 above and disburse the same to M/s. Agni Aviation Consultants, Bangalore duly deducting the TDS.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide U.O.No.FIN01-FMU0BES(AC)/44/2020-FMU-AC-CS-AH,Computer No. 1171862, dated:13.03.2021.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Assistant Secretary to Government and DDO,
Agriculture & Cooperation Department

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SECTION OFFICER